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October 17, 2015

Mr. Doyle Holmes

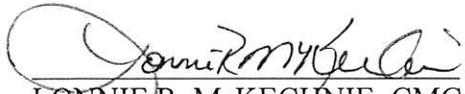
Re: Challenge Submitted October 16, 2015

Dear Mr. Holmes:

The Canvass Board reviewed and discussed the challenge that was submitted for approximately 25 minutes this morning. The Board discussed the processes used and overall security of the ballots. The challenge does not pertain to any voter being not qualified, disqualified, or having voted in the same election. The challenge is rejected for this reason.

In addition to challenge reasons as noted above, the Board did discuss the security of the ballots. The ballots remain in the possession and security of the Canvass Board during the entirety of the process. They specifically discussed that between today, Saturday, October 17, 2015, and Monday, October 19, 2015, the ballots remain under the control of the Canvass Board. Furthermore, the security and storage of the ballots remains the same as it has been since the Board convened on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. The Board remains convinced that the security and integrity of the ballots is preserved. The challenge is also rejected for these reasons.

Sincerely,


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC
Borough Clerk


GERALDINE KEELING
Canvass Board

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16 OCT 2015

From: DOYLE HOLMES

TO: MANANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH CLERK
AND CANVASS BOARD

SUBJ: CHALLENGE TO BALLOT COUNTING TIME FRAME

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VR Doyle & Holmes

ABSENTEE OR QUESTIONED BALLOT CHALLENGE

CHALLENGED BY: Doyle Holmes

Name of Challenged Voter: EARLY VOTES, ABSENTEE VOTES, QUESTION VOTES

Date: 16 OCT Precinct: _____ Assembly District: 7

REASON FOR CHALLENGE:

- Voter Not Registered
- Voter Not a Resident of Alaska
- Voter Purged from Registration List
- No Voter Signature
- Voter Signature Not Properly Witnessed
- Voter Failed to Provide Identifying Information
- Voter Not Properly Identified at Polling Place
- Other BALLOT COUNTING PROCEDURES

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED CHALLENGE REJECTED

COMMENTS: I HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS THAT ENVELOPES
will be opened TOMMOROW AND ^{BALLOTS} NOT BE COUNTED UNTIL
MONDAY. I UNDERSTAND THE CLERK IS CONVINCED SHE CAN
GUARANTEE SECURITY. I AM NOT. IF THE BALLOTS ARE
OPENED ON SAT THEY SHOULD BE COUNTED ON SAT.
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EMAILS.

Subject: RE: Revised Email - Canvass Schedule**From:** "Doyle Holmes" <comet62@gci.net>**To:** "Lonnie McKechnie" <Lonnie.McKechnie@matsugov.us>, info@matsumayor.com, carrots@mtaonline.net

Fri, 16 Oct 2015 15:43:00 -0800

As you are aware the integrity of the ballot process must be without question, not 99 percent but 100. My concern is with the process outlined in your email of opening the envelopes, covering the actual ballot then bundling them up and storing them out of sight of the canvass board from Sat. pm until Monday at 9:00 am. I understand you are convinced your procedures will ensure their integrity. I am not. Once the actual voted ballots are removed from security envelopes they should be counted period. There just does not seem any plausible reason not to count the ballots on Sat no matter how much time it takes to do it. Please provide the reason as to why the ballots could not be counted tomorrow evening. Please convey my concern to the canvass board.

VR

Doyle Holmes

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----- Original Message -----

From:

"Lonnie McKechnie" <Lonnie.McKechnie@matsugov.us>

To:

"Doyle Holmes" <comet62@gci.net>

Cc:**Sent:**

Fri, 16 Oct 2015 19:51:31 +0000

Subject:

RE: Revised Email - Canvass Schedule

Mr. Holmes:

Tomorrow when the Canvass Board meets they will be opening up the envelopes in batches. Meaning absentee full count will be opened in a batch, absentee partial count in another batch, question full count in another batch.

The process is that the envelopes are open, the ballot inside the gray secrecy sleeve is removed from the envelope, the ballot that the envelope states should be inside is verified. This is done easily without opening the ballot as the ballots are done by color. The ballots inside the gray secrecy sleeve are placed in the middle table. Once all of the ballots for that group is opened, they go back and remove the ballots from the gray secrecy sleeve. It is done this way so a ballot cannot be tied back to a voter and how they voted. The ballots are

opened and laid flat. The Canvass Board then places that group of ballots inside a tyvek envelope and places a tamper proof seal over the envelope. The tamper proof seal is marked with how many ballots are inside the envelope, what is inside the envelope, such as absentee full count, and the tamper proof seal is signed by the Canvass Board.

Once this process is done, they will be placed back into election storage until Monday when the Review Board will be here for counting. The Canvass Board will provide the Review Board with the groups for counting.

Thank you.

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

Municipal Borough Clerk

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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From: Doyle Holmes [mailto:comet62@gci.net]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Lonnie McKechnie
Subject: Re: Revised Email - Canvass Schedule

It's my understanding that the outer signed envelopes will be removed on Sat, and that the secretive sleeves will not be removed from the ballot until Monday and will only be removed from the ballot with the canvass board present. Then the actual ballot will immediately be placed into the counting machine.

VR

Doyle Holmes

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----- Original Message -----

From:

"Lonnie McKechnie" <Lonnie.McKechnie@matsugov.us>

To:

"Barb Doty" <barbdotynd@gmail.com>, "Bob Doyle" <bdoyle@mtaonline.net>, "Debby Retherford" <debby.retherford@gmail.com>, "Doyle Holmes" <comet62@gci.net>, "George McKee" <dolgeo@hotmail.com>, "Kelsey Trimmer" <krtrimmer@hotmail.com>, "Larry DeVilbiss" <info@matsumayor.com>, "Larry DeVilbiss" <carrots@mtaonline.net>, "Maria Serrano" <maria4matsu@gmail.com>, "Michael Coons" <mcoons?@mtaonline.net>, "Randall Kowalke" <randallk_2@msn.com>, "Rosemary Vavrin" <tetarozmaryka@yahoo.com>, "Sacha Pettitt" <pettittandco.ak@gmail.com>, "Sarah Wellton" <sarah4schoolboard@gmail.com>, "Vern Halter" <vhalter@mtaonline.net>, "Wade Long" <wadejlong@gmail.com>

Cc:**Sent:**

Thu, 15 Oct 2015 21:55:06 +0000

Subject:

Revised Email - Canvass Schedule

Candidates:

This is in reference to the below email. The below email was to only provide times for the candidates of when the opening of the ballots would occur and when counting would occur. In no way was the intention to imply the ballots would be unsecure at any time after the Canvass Board opens the absentee and question envelopes.

After the ballots are taken out of the envelopes, they are never unsecure. They will be placed in tyvek envelopes with a tamper proof seals.

As you know, you are welcome to be present or an assigned observer.

Thank you,
Lonnie

From: Lonnie McKechnie

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 5:10 PM

To: Barb Doty; Bob Doyle; Debby Retherford; Doyle Holmes; George McKee; Kelsey Trimmer; Larry DeVilbiss; Larry DeVilbiss; Maria Serrano; Michael Coons; Randall Kowalke; Rosemary Vavrin; Sacha Pettitt; Sarah Welton; Vern Halter; Wade Long

Subject: Canvass Schedule

Candidates:

We won't be ready to count the ballots on Friday as I had hoped, so I wanted to let you know the schedule for opening ballots and counting the ballots.

Saturday, 10/17 at 10 a.m. – The Canvass Board will be opening the ballots to get them ready for counting. If you are wanting to challenge a voter, please have any challenges to me by the close of business on Friday night, so that the challenges can be addressed before the ballots are opened. In addition, by having challenges available Friday, I can distribute them to the other candidate as I am required to do.

Monday, 10/19, 9 a.m. – The Canvass Board and the Review Board will begin the process of counting the ballots.

Please let know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC
Municipal Borough Clerk
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